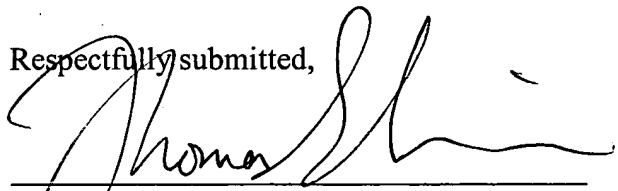


**REMARKS**

The Examiner rejected claims 1-4 under §112, second paragraph. Claim 1 has been amended to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicants regard as the invention.

The Applicants request that the Examiner reconsider the amended claims and issue a Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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